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To [Name No. 42], [1]

1. [B. SCHIVE] [ii] has reported that the German battleships "TIRPITZ" and "ADMIRAL SCHEER" had been at TRONDHEIM in the second half of January and during February.

[36 groups unrecovered]

that a German [B. squadron consisting of] the battleships [a] "TIRPITZ", "ADMIRAL SCHEER" and "ADMIRAL HIPPER" had been observed a few days ago off the Norwegian coast proceeding northward.

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bombing of a power station, and oil dump, [B. along with] ships lying in the port. A German motor transport garage, a passenger steamship, and a repair workshop were completely wrecked.

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[Name No. 64], [iii]

Note: [a] "Battleships" [LINKOR] appears to be used loosely to mean "heavy warships".

Comments: [i] Name No. 42 : In 1943 this is thought to refer to Capt. (1st Rank) M. A. VORONTOV, but may not do so at this date.

[ii] [B. SCHIVE] : Presumably a cover-name. The Danish town SKIVE may be so transcribed. [Name SCHIVE was a member of the German Legation in Stockholm.]

[iii] Name No. 64 : Unidentified STOCKHOLM Signatory.

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